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City of Colton Electric Utility to Conduct Wood Power Pole Inspection

Colton, Calif. — (June 27, 2013) — City of Colton Electric Utility has authorized Osmose Utilities Services, Inc. to inspect the City of Colton's wood power poles beginning August 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. This service is necessary to meet safety requirements established by the State of California.

Osmose Utilities will inspect poles 10 years and older for buckling, cracks, rot, decay and hollow spots. Inspections may result in fumigation for termites or replacement of power poles.

"We will inspect the poles, identify repair or replacement needs and create a database of the 5,900 poles in our system to track their status, past repairs and ensure that poles are safe and can stand up to high winds in the future without harming system reliability" said Dr. David Kolk, Colton Electric Utility Director.

Osmose Utilities Services will have one foreman and two linemen working on these inspections. For more information on the City of Colton Electric Utility please visit our web site at www.coltononline.com or call Alyssa Hernandez, City of Colton Electric Utility representative at (909) 370-613, or Gary M Samuelson, Osmose Utilities Services, Inc. at (951) 903-4151

Colton Electric Utility was established in 1887 and continues to be committed to provide safe and reliable electricity at the lowest affordable rates to our existing customers. Today the Colton Electric Utility provides services to over 16,000 residential customers. More information available at www.ci.colton.ca.us/ or by calling 909-370-5104.